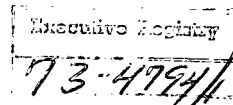


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The Honorable Roy Ash
Director, Office of Management and Budget
Executive Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20503

Dear Roy:

Following our conversation of 17 August, I inquired into the extent of CIA participation in Law of the Sea negotiations.

The Agency has participated formally in interagency efforts pertaining to Law of the Sea negotiations since May 1970 when a CIA officer became a member of the Interagency Law of the Sea Task Force Working Group. We also took part in the preparation of the 1971 study on US Ocean Policy done in response to NSSM 125. We are currently involved in the Interagency Task Force Working Group, and in the preparation of a Law of the Sea Economic Review for the NSC Under Secretaries Committee.

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I anticipate that continued Agency support will be required on a variety of Law of the Sea and related topics.

Sincerely,

W. E. Colby

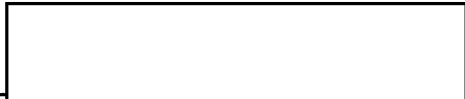
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From W. E. Colby
Subject: CIA participation in Law of the Sea Negotiations

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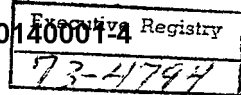
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18 August 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy Director for Intelligence

INFO : Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director for Science and Technology
Associate Deputy Director for Operations
Acting Director of National Estimates

SUBJECT : Law of the Sea Negotiations

1. Mr. Roy Ash, Director of OMB, asked me yesterday whether we are participating in the preparation for the law of the sea negotiations. I said we are not devoting an inordinate amount of time to this but that I believe we are in contact with the appropriate State officers.

5X1 [redacted] He said he rather hopes we are participating because his office and others in the White House would feel much more confident.

2. Could you draft a short note ^{from me} to Mr. Ash on this subject, telling him the extent of our involvement and including, if you wish, any offers of additional involvement or limitations on our resources.


W. E. Colby